

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-007  
February 18, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY  
Proposed Revisions to Economic  
Development Rider (Rate EDR)  
CONTRACTS

ORDER APPROVING  
STANDARD FORM

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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## **I. SUMMARY OF DECISION**

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) revisions to its Economic Development Rider (Rate EDR) standard form contracts. The Commission also establishes that no separate filing or approval is required for customized standard form contracts entered into pursuant to this optional targeted rate. Finally, the Commission extends the waivers of the revenue and total resource cost tests for this program through February 29, 2000.

## **II. DISCUSSION**

On February 3, 1999, CMP filed with this Commission proposed revised standard form contracts for service under the Company's Rate EDR. These contract revisions were made necessary by changes to the Rate EDR rate schedule that became effective February 7, 1999.<sup>1</sup> On February 10, 1999, CMP filed a corrected set of the standard form contracts and on February 11, 1999, CMP filed three corrected pages to replace pages filed on February 11, 1999.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Rate EDR rate schedule was approved by Commission Order, dated June 9, 1995, in Docket No. 95-606. The first set of revisions to Rate EDR were allowed to be effective pursuant to the Director of Technical Analysis' letter to the Commission dated September 11, 1996 in Docket No. 96-624. The second set of revisions to Rate EDR were approved by Commission Order dated March 10, 1998 in Docket No. 98-602 and the most recent changes to Rate EDR rate schedule were filed with the Commission on January 8, 1999 in Docket No. 99-007 and were allowed to become effective on February 7, 1999.

<sup>2</sup>The contracts filed on February 10, 1999 corrected minor typographical errors identified in the set that was filed on February 3, 1999. The three pages filed on February 11, 1999 corrected minor typographical errors identified in the February

In its Order dated August 1, 1995 in Docket Nos. 95-600 and 95-610, the Commission determined that when contracts vary from an approved standard form only by inclusion of customer specific information, the Commission is not required to review and approve the individual contracts. The Commission established monthly reporting requirements in lieu of such individual review and approval. Prior to the instant changes to the standard form contract, CMP was not required to file or seek approval of contracts that were entered into in conformance with the previously approved standard form EDR Rate contract. Based on conversations with the Company it is our understanding that it seeks to continue this treatment.

Because the load induced by this rate is considered to be permanent load pursuant to the Company's Alternative Rate Plan (ARP), the Company is required to demonstrate that this program passes the revenue and the total resource cost tests included in the ARP. However, in Docket No. 98-602 the Company was granted a waiver from this requirement through December 31, 1998. Based on conversations with the Company, it is our understanding that it seeks to continue this waiver through February 29, 2000.

We have reviewed the attached standard form contracts and find them to be reasonable. We will, therefore, allow them to go forward and will grant CMP's waiver request.

Accordingly, it is

O R D E R E D

1. That the standard form contracts as filed by the Company in this proceeding on February 10, 1999, as corrected with replacement pages filed February 11, are hereby approved.
2. That contracts in conformance with these standard form contracts, as corrected, do not need individual approval but will be included in the Monthly Informational Filing for Standard Form Contracts provided to the Commission; and

3. That the total resource cost and revenue tests for Rate EDR are waived through February 29, 2000.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 18th day of February, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch  
Nugent  
Diamond

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